



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting**

**Venue:** The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Ara, Crittenden, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Hudson, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden, Shonk and Wing.

Officers in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

Mr D Williams, Deputy Town Clerk & Compliance Officer

Mr Paul Revuelta, Town Sergeant

Miss E Richford, Finance Officer

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#### **APOLOGIES**

(i) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Huxley (family commitment) and Cllr Young (unwell).

(ii) Council considered a request from Cllr Young for an extended period of absence due to ill health.

**RESOLUTION: Council approved a 6 (Six) month extended period of absence due to ill health for Cllr Young.**

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#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

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#### **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2026/27**

**RESOLUTION: The Chair for the ensuing year will be Cllr Albon.**

The Chair took the declaration of acceptance of office.

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#### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2026/27**

**RESOLUTION: The Vice Chair for the ensuing year will be Cllr**

**Nixey.** The Vice Chair took the declaration of acceptance of office.

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#### **ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2026/27**

**RESOLUTION: The Worshipful The Mayor of Ramsgate will be Cllr Ara.**

The Mayor received the Chain & Badge of Office, read the Oath of Office and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor appointed Carl Whitehead of the Salvation Army, Paul Worledge of St George's Church and Rabbi Cliff of Thanet & District Reform Synagogue as her Faith Leaders.

The Mayor appointed her husband as her Consort.

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**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2026/27**

**RESOLUTION: The Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year will be Cllr Hetherington.**

The Deputy Mayor received the Chain & Badge of Office and read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Members were asked to appoint Chairs & Vice Chairs for the Council's committees.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- (i) Cllr Green was duly elected as Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and Cllr Hetherington Vice Chair.
- (ii) Cllr Makinson was duly elected as Chair of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee, and Cllr Albon Vice Chair.
- (iii) Cllr Crittenden was duly elected as Chair of the Town Promotion Committee, and Cllr Huxley Vice Chair.
- (iv) Cllr Nixey was duly elected as Chair of the Asset Management Committee, and Cllr Albon Vice Chair.
- (v) It was noted that committee membership and the Terms of Reference will remain the same for the Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting in May, there will then be an opportunity to consider these in detail at the Council meeting on 27th May 2026.

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**MINUTES**

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Minutes 103/26 – 113/26).

**RESOLUTION: The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved as a true record and accurate record.**

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**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- (i) The Standing Orders of the Council were considered.  
**RESOLUTION: The Standing Orders were approved.**
- (ii) The Financial Regulations of the Council were considered.  
**RESOLUTION: The Financial Regulations were approved;**  
The Updated Code of Conduct for Members as recommended by the Monitoring Officer were considered.

**RESOLUTION: The Updated Code of Conduct for Members was approved.**

It was noted that other policies and procedures for annual review, as detailed in Standing orders, will be covered at the Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

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**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

Members received and considered a draft schedule of meetings for the ensuing Council year.

**RESOLUTION: The schedule of meetings was approved.**

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**MANSTON AIRPORT AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL – STAGE 3 CONSULTATION**

Members received and considered a quote from Alan Stratford & Associated to provide professional advice on the Manston Airport Airspace Change Proposal – Stage 3 Consultation.

**RESOLUTION: The quote from Alan Stratford & Associates Ltd of £2,985.00 excl. VAT was approved**

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**DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.